



18th Battalion Association

Windsor and Detroit Branch

MEMORIES

Do you remember that just before Christmas (1915) every member of the Battalion received a nice gift package from the people of Windsor. Inside each package was a card showing the name of the donor. You were supposed to sign the card and hand it back in. As we sat in the M & N opening our packages, I can recall that many of the names which were then mentioned as donors were the same as the names of many persons in Windsor today who are still active in the business life of the city.

The card in Jack Lee's package showed the donor to be a Miss Mary Wigle. Jack, who could be funny at times, started putting on airs until he learned that some one in sixteen Platoon had received a package with the card showing the same donor. It just proved that Miss Mary had donated more than one of the appreciated gift packages. (A few months later Jack was killed in action.)

Strange as it may seem, we had a fellow in our Platoon who never received a letter or a package (except the one from Windsor) all the time he was with us. Some of us vowed that, if we ever got back to England, we would write him a letter so that he would at least hear his name called when the mail was being distributed. He beat us to it. He was wounded at Sanctuary Wood early in June and I don't believe he ever returned to the Battalion.

He was a nice person.. You would have thought that surely somewhere, there must have been some one who cared.